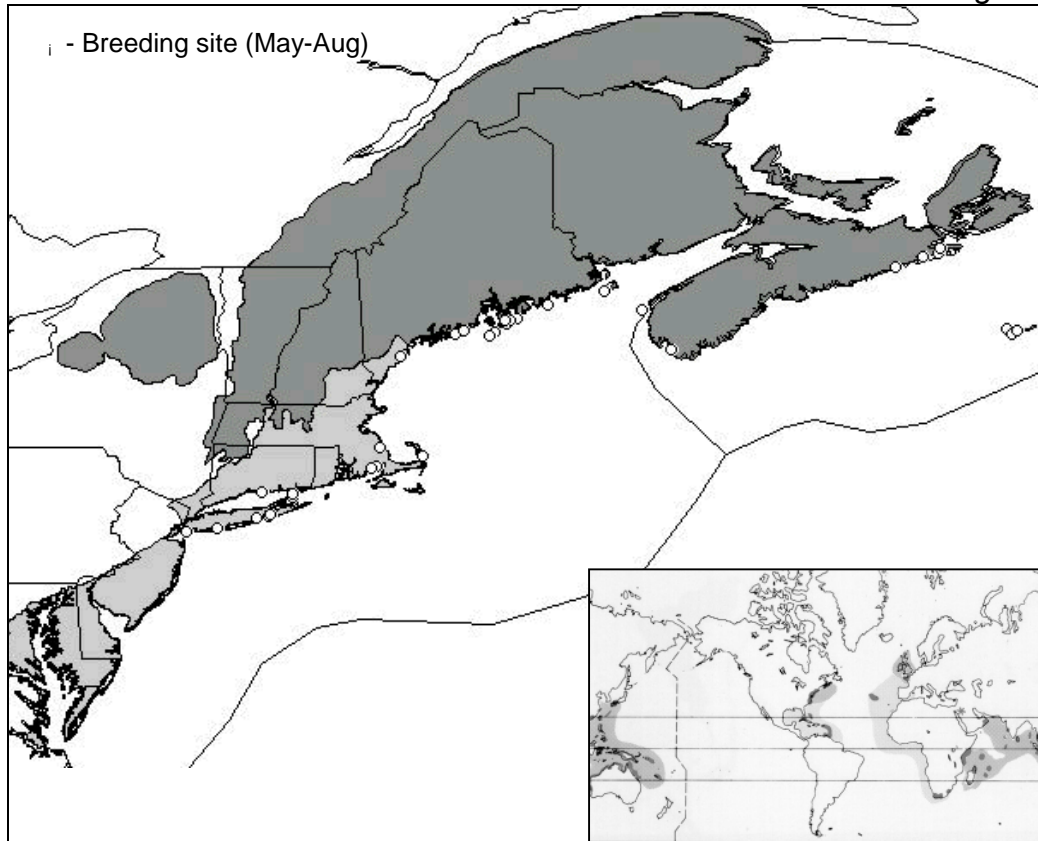


# ROSEATE TERN

*Sterna dougallii dougallii*



## Regional Occurrence (BCRs 14, 30)

- Distribution: breeds in region; Monomoy, Cape Cod, MA is important post-breeding staging area for entire population
- Habitats used: nest on islands, usually under cover, next to/in dense vegetation, rock crevices, even artificial sites: nest boxes, half-buried tires (breeding); seacoasts, bays and estuaries (non-breeding)

NAWCP BD=3; NAWCP ND=3

## Regional Abundance

- 1990s population: US—6,722 (13 colonies); CAN—208
- 1970s population: US—5,094 (27 colonies)
- 32.0% increase in regional population

NAWCP PS=3; NAWCP PT=4

## Regional Threats

- Loss of suitable nesting habitat due to development, disturbance, large weather events
- Competition with COTE for depleted prey fish population;
- Competition with / predation by gulls; Predation by nocturnal predators (owls, night-herons, mink, foxes, coyotes, rats, ants, etc.)
- Cause(s) of unequal sex ratio in breeding population
- Wind farm development potential impact; Oil spills

NAWCP TB=5; NAWCP TN=5

## Conservation Status: Abundance (b=breeding, nb=nonbreeding, t=total individuals) and Conservation Rank

Global	North America	BCR 14	BCR 30	Mid-Atlantic	S. New England	Gulf of Maine	Maritimes
>83,400 – 87,000t	16,000b	510b	6,420b	0b	6,400b	322b	208b
IUCN- Not Evaluated	NAWCP- High Concern (PI=74-77%)	High (PI=3%)	High (PI=40%)	NJ-S?; DE-SZN; MD-SHB, SAN; VA-SHB, SZN	NY-S1B; CT-S1B, SZN; RI- SHB, S1N; MA-S2; VT-no info	MA-S2; NH-SHB, SZN ME-S2B; NB-S1B ; NS-S1B	QC-S1; NB-S1B PE-no info; NS-S1B

**Conservation Needs:** *Sustainability:* 1.2 chicks / pair; *Foraging Habitat:* up to 30 km from colony; over shallow sandbars, shoals, inlets or schools of predatory fish; also pelagically over schools of predatory fish; shallow water; narrower variety of fish than COTE; species is specialized forager and may be limited by distribution of suitable feeding sites; *Issues:* Management should be aimed towards protecting breeding colonies as well as foraging and wintering areas; increased mortality in non-breeding season; Recovery plans have included fencing, sign posting, vegetation and predator control, and provision of nest shelters. Conservation is codependent on management of Common Terns; *Needs:* monitor, active management of nesting and staging habitat; *Population Goals:* maintain (above minimum), target 6,200-7,600b; *Habitat Goals:*